

Amendment No. 1 to HB0996

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AMEND Senate Bill No. 1105

House Bill No. 996*

by deleting all language after the enacting clause and substituting:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 71-1-130, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

(1) The department may utilize an enrollment-based child care subsidy payments program that complies with all applicable federal funding requirements and legal authority and that seeks to provide adequate, stable payments to providers of child care services under this section by establishing effective payment practices based upon accurate time and attendance systems.

(2) The department shall consider program standards, such as, but not limited to, the following:

(A) The child's developmental and educational goals when authorizing care periods eligible for reimbursement;

(B) Accommodation of variable parent schedules;

(C) Authorizing pay based upon enrollment rather than attendance;

(D) Using a range of hours to determine authorized care amounts; and

(E) Simplifying and streamlining payment processes with providers.

(3) The department shall publish on the department's publicly accessible website an overview of child care services and the methodology used to issue payments to providers of child care services, including any changes to the methodology during the previous year, if applicable.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.